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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I feel that the Microsoft antitrust case has gone on long enough and that it is time to resolve this issue permanently. I understand that this can happen in the near future.

This settlement will benefit the economy, the industry, and consumers. Under this agreement, Microsoft must share more information with other companies, such as: disclosing information about certain internal interfaces in Windows and certain software codes and books for review by a technical oversight committee created by the government. Competing companies can opt to sue Microsoft if they feel the company is not complying with this agreement.

Allowing Microsoft to devote its resources to innovative practices, rather than litigation, will benefit all of us. I am eager to see the settlement, in its current, fair form, implemented and enforced. I sincerely hope that the Department of Justice can focus on that issue rather than allowing more valuable time to be wasted on continued negotiation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell Spruill & Family